THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (e) To resolve the environmental problems of the Konkan Railway line, Ministry has constituted an Expert Committee. The Committee having examined various environmental, architectural, cultural and heritage aspects of the Konkan Railway alignment has submitted its report. The report is under examination by the Ministry.

(f) Does not arise.

Social Forestry Programme in Andhra Pradesh

2392. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY :

WiU the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total area brought under the Social Forestry Programme during the last three years, year-wise in Andhra Pradesh;

(fo) the number of trees planted during that period and how many have survived; and

(c) what is the total amount spent on this programme during that period *7*

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) to (c) The physical and financial achievements of afforestation/tree planting aetivi-ties including Social Forestry, under the Twenty Point Programme, during the has three years in Andhra Pradesh is as gives* below :—

	Physical (Seedlings in lakhs)	(Area in ha.)	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
	Seedlings Distribution (for planting on private lands, etc.)	Area Coverage (public lands, including forest lands)	
1989-90 . . .	—	131757.50	2174.00
1990-91 . . .	1612.00	21600.00	2195.92
1991-92 . . .	1775.91	56590.00	2376.92

It may be mentioned that from the year 1990-91, targets are being set (and consequently achievements being reported) in terms of two mutually exclusive items, i.e. "seedlings distribution" for planting on private lands and "area coverage" for public lands, including forest lands. For the year 1989-90, the achievement was assessed in terms of area coverage only.

Statewise position of survival of saplings for the last three years is not readily available. Studies and assessments of the afforestation and tree planting activities carried out in certain States have" revealed that, while there are location-wise and species-wife"variations, the overall survival rate varies from 55% to 80%.

National Parks New Haven for Terrorista

2393. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in Indian Express dated 13th November, 1992 stating that National Park have become New haven for terrorists and naxalites;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the observations made therein; find

(c) the details of action-initiated.tekea in the matter,and-with what reales?